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Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" சென்ற எப்ரல் மாதத்தில் லால் குண்டா என்ற சேரியில் நெருப்புப் பிடித்துக்கொண்டு **fire engine** வராத காரணத்தினால் **240** வீடுகள் தீப்பிடித்து சாம்பலாகி போயின. ஆதலால் **fire engine**-களை பெரிய சேரிகள் பக்கத்திற்கு மாற்றுவதற்காக நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படுமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the cheris are located throughout the City and the fire stations also are located throughout the City. In respect of cheris, perhaps quick information is not given to the fire stations. After all the distance to the fire station might be about a mile or a half from the cheri and that does not make much of a difference if quick information is given to these stations."

Sri C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" May I know the number of fire stations in the City of Madras and the number of fire engines available in those stations for service? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There are eight fire stations. As for number of engines available for service, I would like to have notice, Sir."

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" நெருப்பு பிடித்துக்கொண்டால், கிராமங்களில் நெருப்பு அணைக்கும் மெஷின்களை கொண்டுவருவதற்கு டெலிபோன், தந்தி போன்ற வசதிகள் கிடையாது. அப்படியிருக்கும்போது அந்த நெருப்பு அணைக்கும் மெஷின்களை அந்தந்த தாலூக்காக்களுக்கு மாற்றுவார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this question is with reference to the City, Sir."

Provision of houses on hire-purchase system in the City.

* 314 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the schemes of the House Building Societies to provide houses on hire-purchase basis in the City which have been aided by the Government?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" In the Madras City, the Government have sanctioned loans to the Madras Co-operative House Construction Society to provide houses on hire-purchase system. The society has constructed four colonies, two at Adyar, one at Ayyanavaram and one at Mylapore."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" May I know, Sir, what are the terms of the hire-purchase system and whether any non-gazetted officers or middle-class men have been benefited by this scheme? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The terms of the hire-purchase system are, in 20 years they become owners of the house by paying a little more than the rent amount fixed."

Sri M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Sir, will the Government issue instructions to stop construction of houses on the models built at Adyar and Ayyanavaram and to build houses for middle-class people and poor class people on the same hire-purchase system? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are different types of houses for people of different status."

Grant of waste lands in Malabar.

* 315 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government conducted any survey of the waste lands of Malabar for the purpose of section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act ; and

(*b*) whether any waste lands have been given on lease for cultivation since 1951 either by the land-owner or by the Government in pursuance of section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) A few applications received for the grant of waste lands are under enquiry."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I am not asking whether any applications were received by the Collector. I want to know whether between the year 1951 and the year 1954 the Collector exercised his powers under section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act and if so, with what result? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, the Government are exercising the right under section 52. According to rules framed under that section certain procedure has to be adopted. Three months' notice has to be given to the landholder. It involves a laborious procedure and so it takes some time."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether any more lands remain unsurveyed in Malabar and if so, will the Government take early steps to survey waste lands and distribute them to landless peasants? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the bottleneck is not due to want of survey. It is due to the procedure to be adopted. That takes some time. Notice has to be given and the reply obtained. Then only the matter can be decided."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was stating that under rule 6 of the Malabar Tenancy Rules certain procedure has to be observed in leasing private waste lands in favour of the peasants. Is it a fact that last year, that is 1953, also the Government informed those who represented in this regard that there are certain procedural matters to be observed and there is no time to observe those procedures before the commencement of the agricultural season and therefore their applications were rejected? Now petitions have been submitted to the